

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-14 Cancelled

15. (Currently amended) A cam follower provided with a sheet metal rocker arm comprising:

a sheet metal rocker arm formed of a metal plate and provided with a pair of side walls substantially parallel to each other, and a connecting portion for connecting the side walls to each other;

a pivot fixed to bridge over said paired side walls by caulking plastically deforming both end portions of the pivot to the inner peripheral surfaces of a pair of through holes formed at positions aligned with each other on the side walls, bridging the through holes; and

a roller supported rotatably around a middle part of the pivot;  
wherein a gap between the portions provided with said through holes on the paired side walls prior to the caulking plastically deforming of both end portions of said pivot is made wider than a gap between said portions when both end portions of said pivot have been caulked plastically deformed, so as to make

said paired side walls parallel to each other when both end portions of the pivot have been caulked plastically deformed.

16. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a cam follower provided with a sheet metal rocker arm, which is formed of a metal plate and comprises a pair of side walls and a connecting portion for connecting the side walls to each other and in which a pair of through holes are formed at positions aligned to each other on both side walls, comprising the steps of:

inserting a pivot into a roller and said paired side walls such that the roller is disposed between said paired side walls, thereafter caulking plastically deforming both end portions of the pivot toward the inner peripheral surfaces of the paired through holes, whereby the pivot is fixed to bridge over the paired side walls;

wherein a gap between the portions provided with the paired through holes on the paired side walls, prior to the caulking plastically deforming of both end portions of said pivot is made wider than a gap between said portions when both end portions of said pivot have been caulked plastically deformed, and the gap between the portions with said through holes formed thereof therein is narrowed upon caulking plastically deforming both end portion of the pivot, thereby making the paired side walls parallel to each other.